APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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The applicant MINEX LLC hereby makes application for permission to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada, as hereinafter stated.

1. The source of the proposed appropriation is Underground
2. The amount of water applied for is 2.3 second-feet
(a) If stored in reservoir give number of acre-feet
3. The water to be used for MINING, MILLING AND RELATED PURPOSES WHICH MAY INCLUDE DOMESTIC
4. If use is for:
(a) Irrigation, state number of acres to be irrigated
(b) Stockwater, state number and kinds of animals to be watered
(c) Other use (describe fully under No. 12. "Remarks")
(d) Power: (1) Horsepower developed
(2) Point of return of water to stream
5. The water is to be diverted from its source at the following point Within the SW¼ NE¼ Section 23, T.15N., R.68E., M.D.B.&M., or at a point from which the SE corner of Section 23 bears S. 26° 16' 55" E. a distance of 4200.10 feet.
6. Place of Use Portions of Sections 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, T.15N., R.68E., M.D.B.&M., and portions of Sections 18 & 19, T.15N., R.69E., M.D.B.&M.

- 7. Use will begin about January 1 and end about December 31of each year.
- 8. Description of proposed works Drilled and cased well, submersible pump head, electric motor, and distribution system.
- 9. Estimated cost of works \$125,000
- 10. Estimated time required to construct works Five (5) years. (5 years subject to all project approvals).
- 11. Estimated time required to complete the application of water to beneficial use 8-10 years

12. Remarks: Water will be used for mining, milling and related purposes. This may include heap leaching, milling, dewatering and domestic purposes. The total combined duty from all sources will not exceed 1620 acre-feet annually.

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Protested	3-8-00 by U.S. National Park Service;

DENIAL OF STATE ENGINEER

This application is hereby denied on the grounds that its approval would threaten to prove detrimental to the public interest. No ruling is made on the merits of the protest.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, HUGH RICCI, P.E.,

State Engineer of Nevada, have hereunto set

my hand and the seal of my office,

this 10th day of February , A.D. - 2003

State Engineer